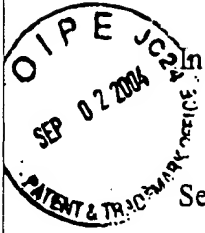


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until October 1, 2004, please reconsider the subject application after amendment as indicated herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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